



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Hidradenitis suppurativa (HS) is a chronic, debilitating, non-contagious, and potentially life-threatening illness for which there is no known cure; and
- WHEREAS: HS is an orphan disease characterized by clusters of abscesses or subcutaneous boil-like lesions that most commonly affect skin under the arms, under the breasts, behind the ears, or around the inner thighs, groin, or buttocks; and
- WHEREAS: Outbreaks of HS are painful and may persist for years with interspersed periods of inflammation. Such outbreaks and inflammation may form wounds that do not heal, leading to scarring; and
- WHEREAS: An estimated 1 to 4 percent of the world's population is affected by HS, and postpubescent individuals are the most likely to exhibit symptoms; and
- WHEREAS: According to recent research, proper diagnoses for HS are delayed by seven years on average. Though medicines and surgeries are available to alleviate symptoms and pain, they are not always effective in treatment; and
- WHEREAS: Patients with HS often endure a diminished quality of life. To best support those affected by HS, it is important for family members, friends, medical providers, and the community at large to better understand the disease and its symptoms; and
- WHEREAS: Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week provides an opportunity for organizations including Hope for HS to increase awareness, correct misconceptions, recognize the struggles of those affected, and shorten the delay in diagnosis; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 4–10, 2018, as HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2nd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF